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2nd November 2014 ~ ALL SAINTS

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

We Welcome...

People of All Faiths and Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Those in Loving Relationships
Those in Difficulty
Married Couples
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travellers from Far and Near
Widows and Widowers
Visitors

We Seek...

To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

We Celebrate...

Diversity
A spirit of hospitality
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Forming small faith communities
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Providing a spiritual Oasis
Honouring an understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

The annual collection for the sick and retired priests of our diocese will take place next weekend and all the money that is raised will be used to ensure that elderly priests and those who are struggling with ill health receive the care and support that they need. As always, this really is an important collection as the fund is a charity and it depends on donations.

The fund is celebrating its 35th birthday this year. It was set up in 1979 and its job now – as it was then – is to ensure that all our sick and elderly priests can live out their lives in comfort and with dignity.

Over the years it has helped literally hundreds of priests. For example, it has ensured

- That all our retired priests have somewhere to live which can be a vital issue as many priests do not have a home of their own.
- That retired priests who are struggling with disability have the equipment needed to live an independent life.
- That retired priests have enough to live on and receive help, if it is needed, to attend Mass and to undertake other activities.
- That retired priests have home help, nursing care or sheltered accommodation if that becomes necessary.
- That retired priests have regular visits to ensure that all is well as they get older.

But the uncomfortable truth is that, 35 years on, the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund is finding it very difficult to make ends meet for two reasons. Firstly, because the number of retired priests has increased a good deal since 1979. There are now 80 in our diocese and the number will continue to grow in the years to come. And secondly, because the cost of providing some of the most important services, particularly residential and nursing care, rises relentlessly every year.

The "Growing in Faith" campaign that we ran last year will make a real difference and the support of those who have decided to contribute to this appeal is hugely appreciated. However, the collection we are running next week remains a vital part of the income to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund's finances. We appeal once again to those of you who are financially able to support this fund, so that all our priests can receive the help and support that they need and deserve in their old age.

Please use the envelopes attached to this week's newsletter to make your donations and, if you pay tax, remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the donation envelope. This will add 25p to every pound that you give. We will collect all the envelopes after Mass next week. Thank you on behalf of all sick and retired priests of our diocese.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 1st November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Mrs. Eugenia Sulikowska & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP

Sunday 2nd – **ALL SAINTS**

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Catherine Hayes (Anniv)

Monday 3rd – **ALL SOULS' DAY**

No Morning Mass

19.00 All Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday 4th – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 5th – Feria, Thirty-First Week of Year 2

19.00 Mrs. Flavia Soares RIP

Thursday 6th – Feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Friday 7th – Feria

09.30 Ivor Pereira RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Please note there is no Morning Mass on Monday, 3rd November.

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Recently Deceased,

Pray Also Catherine Hayes, Joan, Elaine & Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Mary Gleeson, Michael Mullins and Bernard Rooney whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Consecration of the Church Cardinal Vincent will come to our parish to consecrate the church and altar on Friday, 14th November at 7pm. We would like to host a reception afterwards and would ask parishioners to provide finger food for a buffet in the hall following the liturgy. Teresa Arrigo has kindly offered to co-ordinate the catering, so please contact her at t.arrigo@virgin.net, 020 8427 3063 and let her know if you can help out on the day or what you will bring along. Wine and soft drinks will be provided.

Parish 100 Club As you can see the major structural work to the church has now been completed and we hope that you like it. Over the next seven years, we will need to pay the diocese back the loan that it has given to our parish to make this work possible. One fund raising initiative is for parishioners to join the Parish 100 Club. We would ask parishioners to buy a monthly ticket which costs £5; if 100 people join and pay £5 a month, the amount raised each month is £500... and £250 is given away in prizes as follows: £100 £75 £50 £25. This leaves £250 which goes to the parish. If 200 people join, the prizes go up to £200, £150, £100 and £50. So the more people that join, the greater the monthly prize money will be. It would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club so we could raise £6000 a year which would be enormously helpful. **A Registration form is available from the porch or our website.** Thank you for your support.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 24th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish House, no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 6th November at 8pm in the Social Club.

CAFOD Christmas cards On sale in the porch after all masses this weekend.

Union of Catholic Mothers – 5th November Important meeting to decide whether the UCM should continue. Light supper will be provided (cost to be divided by members). Please bring your own drinks. Members please attend.

Parish Women's Group Book Evening On Thursday, November 13th at 8pm in the small hall of our Parish Centre. Cost £1. Do come along to discuss 'The Unknown Bridesmaid' by Margaret Forster and to recommend books you have read and would recommend to others. A small contribution of snacks or a bottle to share would be most welcome. The PWG is open to all women of our parish and their invited female friend. We are a friendly group, welcoming all newcomers. For further information contact Barbara Towell at barbaratowell@sky.com or ring 020 8866 6665.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 15th November at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. For an appointment please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). **Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents.**

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Monday, 17th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

The Justice & Peace Annual Study Day (free) At St John Vianney Parish Centre, West Green Rd, N15 3QH on Saturday, 8th November at 10am-4pm. The Welfare Myth of 'Them and Us' – How we ALL use welfare as our lives change! For more info please see poster on notice board.

Growing in Faith Five short videos have been produced which tell us all about the work that is happening in the diocese because of your generosity in supporting Growing in Faith. Our parish is featured in the parish section here you will see Fr Shaun talking about our parish project. The other videos give us an insight into our social action projects, our seminarians and how we are caring for our sick and retired priests. <http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith>.



Would you please consider buying a brick or two in order to support re-furbishing the Sanctuary? Bricks cost £10 each and we will issue a Certificate of Thanks for every brick that you buy. Please fill out the form below and return it to Fr Shaun at the presbytery.

Cheques should be made payable to St John Fisher Church.

PLEASE PRINT

Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....

Email.....

Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

Total Amount £.....

Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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